

RESOLUTION NO. MCDOT 02-07

RESOLUTION OF MARICOPA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS CALLING FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF A REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION DISTRICT IN ARIZONA'S MOST POPULOUS METROPOLITAN AREAS

WHEREAS, there is currently a void when it comes to the programming, deployment, operations and maintenance of a regional, integrated, multimodal transportation system, and,

WHEREAS, the Governor's Vision 21 Transportation Task Force was charged with creating a vision for transportation in Arizona for the 21st century and establishing the foundation of a plan to achieve that vision, and,

WHEREAS, in its findings, the Task Force adopted ten recommendations, and among these was the recommendation that Regional Transportation and Land Use Districts be established in the large urban areas of Arizona to address regional, multimodal transportation requirements and other related issues of regional importance, and,

WHEREAS, an effective regional transportation program will require dedicated funding sources commensurate with regional transportation system needs, and,

WHEREAS, the Legislature may soon be called upon to consider whether to provide for extension of the ½ cent excise tax for transportation in Maricopa County and, if so, what direction to provide for how such funds may be expended, and,

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors is the only existing elected body, directly accountable to the voters, with a jurisdictional range that encompasses the entire metropolitan region and that may act in the regional interest, independent of local interests.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors supports:

1. Establishment by the Legislature of a Regional Transportation District in Maricopa County as recommended by the Governor's Vision 21 Transportation Task Force.
2. Establishment of the Regional Transportation District prior to Legislative action on funding for regional transportation to ensure that funding will be coordinated with regional governance.
3. Establishment of *an eleven-member board of directors comprised of the Maricopa County Board of Supervisors, five Mayors, and the Governor or her designee as the Board of Directors for the Regional Transportation District (amended January 10, 2003).*
4. That a public referendum be held to affirm the funding and governance thereof.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Maricopa County Board of Supervisors, Maricopa County, Arizona, this _____ day of _____, 2002.

APPROVED AND ACCEPTED:

By: _____
Don Stapley Date

Attest: _____
Fran McCarroll Date

RECOMMENDED:

By: _____
Thomas R. Buick, P.E. Date
Transportation Director

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

By: _____
Deputy County Counsel Date